Titusville Amateur Radio Club

TARC NEWSLETTER

November 1990

President's Corner

MEETING -- Tuesday, 7 P.M., November 27!!! Election Nite -- It's your chance to throw the rascals out and vote in some new rascals for 1991. It should be a fun meeting; a time to greet the snowbirds and meet the newbies from our class (a swap table will be available). We'll give more details of the annual Christmas dinner that will this year be a catered affair in the JayCees Clubhouse on **Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 P.M.** Reservations must be made by December 15 so we can order the right amount of food, etc. No space problem, we'll have room for about 75. Respondez, sil vou plais (R.S.V.P.).

TEST NITE -- Tuesday, 7 P.M., December 11. Let me know ASAP if you want to try for the Technician, General, Advanced, or Extra so we can inform the Volunteer Examiners. We'll give the Novice test on an open basis. It's a good idea to fill out the FCC form 610 ahead of time. Test fee is $4.95 for non-Novice exams. Also bring the original and 1 copy of your FCC license and any current CSCEs.

Editor's Desk
by Doug Reed – N4QVY

As was noted at last month's meeting, we have lost a longtime supporter of TARC, Brevard Office Equipment. They have selflessly bulk printed our newsletters, month after month, providing the labor, equipment, and materials to provide club members and friends with a small and simple media to get TARC's news and articles out, both to the active, and to the "quiet yet supportive" members. However, a slow Congress has caused a slowed down local economy as many of the space center's contractors have been in a buying holding pattern for the past couple of months, and that affects

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Upcoming Events

> **November 27** – Next TARC meeting, 7 p.m., JayCees Building on Singleton Ave.
> Every Thursday night – TARC Friendship Net, 7 p.m., 146.91 MHz (–600).
> 3rd Saturday of each month – SBARC / ARRL exams, 9:30 a.m. registration, FIT room Q11 in The Quad (under ham radio mast). For info call Bill Newkirk, WB9IVR, phone 724–6183.
> **December 14** – **Deadline** for articles to be included in the December edition of the *TARC Newsletter*.
> **December 11** – Test night, 7 p.m., JayCees Building on Singleton Ave.. See this month's *President's Corner* for details.

Officers

President: Bob Nedimeyer W4VQB 269–1878
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Minutes of the October 23 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Bob, W4VQB, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Bob noted that there were no minutes taken at the previous month's guest night, and none to be read. Clyde, K4EOS, gave the treasury report: $60.89 in petty cash, bank balance of $191.71. The cost for the guest night materials cost $94.05.

Bob thanked all who participated in organizing Guest Night. He also introduced Novice class students who were present, and also Andy, KC4NRA, a NASA co-op from Nashville, Tennessee, who recently joined TARC. Bob declared tonight to be Name Tag Nite and all members introduced themselves.

A nominating committee was formed of the following members: Dick, W9LSD, Steve, WD4MJJ, Jim, N4ZNQ, and Cliff, KC4SYD.

Dick noted that EG&G will hold their annual picnic at KARS park on November 10 and 11 and will be operating HF stations. He invited all to make contact.

Bob mentioned that the TARC field day station, KB4RBU, was listed in the November QST.

An auditing committee consisting of Bud, K4CWG, Les, K4SJC, and Morgan, K4GEA, was formed.

Dave, WB4SIG, gave the repeater report: Larry, WB9MFJ, and Dave have been working on the repeater setup. Present configuration: 2M transmit antenna is up 20 feet, 2M receive antenna at 200 feet (top of water tower), the 449.625 MHz transmit link is operating, there is no 449.625 MHz receive link at the present time. Dave, Larry, Andy, Les, Archie (WN3DHI) and son Harry removed unused hardline.

Bob mentioned that the JayCees Halloween Hayride would be operating at Lagrange Wednesday through Saturday, and Monday through Wednesday of the following week, and that volunteers were needed to provide communications.

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The **TARC Newsletter** is published on a monthly basis. Articles are published based on their newsworthiness to TARC membership, space available, and ease of entry to the publishing medium.

Preferred transfer methods are EMail to *Doug Reed* at Tech-Talk BBS, EMail on 2 meter packet to N4QVY@N4JLR or N4QVY@WD4HIM, direct packet, 3.5" AmigaDOS 880K disk, 3.5" MS-DOS 360K disk, 5.25" MS-DOS 360K disk, direct landline modem, and print / hand-written / hardcopy formats, in that order. Separate each paragraph with a blank line for ease of re-formatting into a publishing format.

Article / classified deadline is two Fridays prior to the date of the monthly meeting.

Articles may be given to the editor, Doug - N4QVY, at the IHOP on net nights, or left with Bud - K4CWG, where it will hopefully make its way to the aforementioned editor.

The **TARC Newsletter** is assembled on a Commodore Amiga computer using Gold Disk's PageSetter and LaserScript desktop publishing software and output to a PostScript compatible laser printer. Folding, stamping, and mailing services this month will be done by the gang at IHOP and labels will be printed up by Bud, K4CWG, who requests that any address / name / phone number corrections be directed his way. Thanks to all those involved in this maddening once a month event.

Club Information

Dues are $5.00 per year, $20.00 per year for repeater supporters, $5.00 per year for additional family repeater supporters. K4SJC repeater: 146.91 MHz (-600 Hz); WB4SIG repeater: 444.150 MHz (+5 KHz).

Minutes...

Bob had *DX Bulletin, QST*'s, *Florida Skip*'s, and newsletters for giveaway. He also made a couple of code practice oscillators for class members to borrow.

Doug, N4QVY, mentioned that gratis printing of the newsletter by Brevard Office Equipment had been terminated and that other options would have to be looked into for future printing.

Dave mentioned that there is a Titusville 440 repeater located at 444.150 MHz (+ 5KHz) for anyone to use.

Larry volunteered to have a demo at the next meeting and encouraged anyone else to give short or long demos or talks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Editor's Desk...

companies such as Brevard Office. We are looking at several alternatives to continue to publish: 1) raising dues, 2) advertising, and 3) other sponsorship. Each has it's advantages and disadvantages. Being independent of advertisers allow the luxury of criticism without fear of budgetary reprisals. If anyone has any other ideas or an *easy* solution, or would like to advertise (rates starting at $5 a month), contact me or Bob.

This week is Thanksgiving week, the newsletter will get to you *after* Thanksgiving, so I hope that you all had a nice one, and I'll see y'all Tuesday night (I'm goin' to Blackshear, Joja, and may come back talkin' strange... 'er, stranger).

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